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THE FLAME HAS LANDED

The Pan Am Games flame arrived in Toronto Sunday, carried by local sports enthusiast Leila Keshavjee. It was welcomed at the new Aga Khan Park in Don Mills. For more on the big event at the park, see metroNEWS. LANCE MCMILLAN/FOR METRO

Greece votes no as world watches

LOCALS REACT

'It's about time for the Europeans to listen to us'

Jessica Smith Cross
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Greece had the world watching Sunday, and one café in Toronto was no exception.

The tens of thousands of Greek people here watched as their home country voted "No" to austerity in the all-important vote that's been commanding headlines.

As the votes were being counted in Greece and it became clear who had won, the men at the Danforth Café were relieved.

"The 'No' vote, it is the best thing that ever happened," said Peter Papadogiannis.

Papadogiannis came to Canada from Sparta as a young man in 1963. He was informally elected by his friends at the café to be the unofficial spokesman about what the "No" vote and Greece economic troubles mean to them.

Greeks around the world are split in their opinion, but 61 per cent of voters in the referendum shared Papadogiannis' opinion.

"We have power to tell the Europeans that the Greek people spoke," he said. "And it's about time for the Europeans to listen to us."

"(Prime Minister Alexis) Tsipras is going to go and get the best deal possible for us right now," he continued. "This man right now, he is a young man, and he will represent the Greek people, and he's fighting for the Greek people."

For Papadogiannis, the vote means the most to his family in Greece — particularly his younger relatives who are struggling with a youth unemployment rate of about 50 per cent.

"I have brothers, I have sisters, I have nephews, I have all kinds of them," he said. "They're holding up. They're trying the best they can, but right now they have to live on their mother and father's pensions because they'd don't work, they have no jobs."

What will next remains uncertain, but said they are hoping for a swift solution to Greece's financial problems.

"I love the country I was born and I visit my country every time I can," he said. "We'd like, as soon as possible, to have a solution for the Greek people.

"They're suffering right now."

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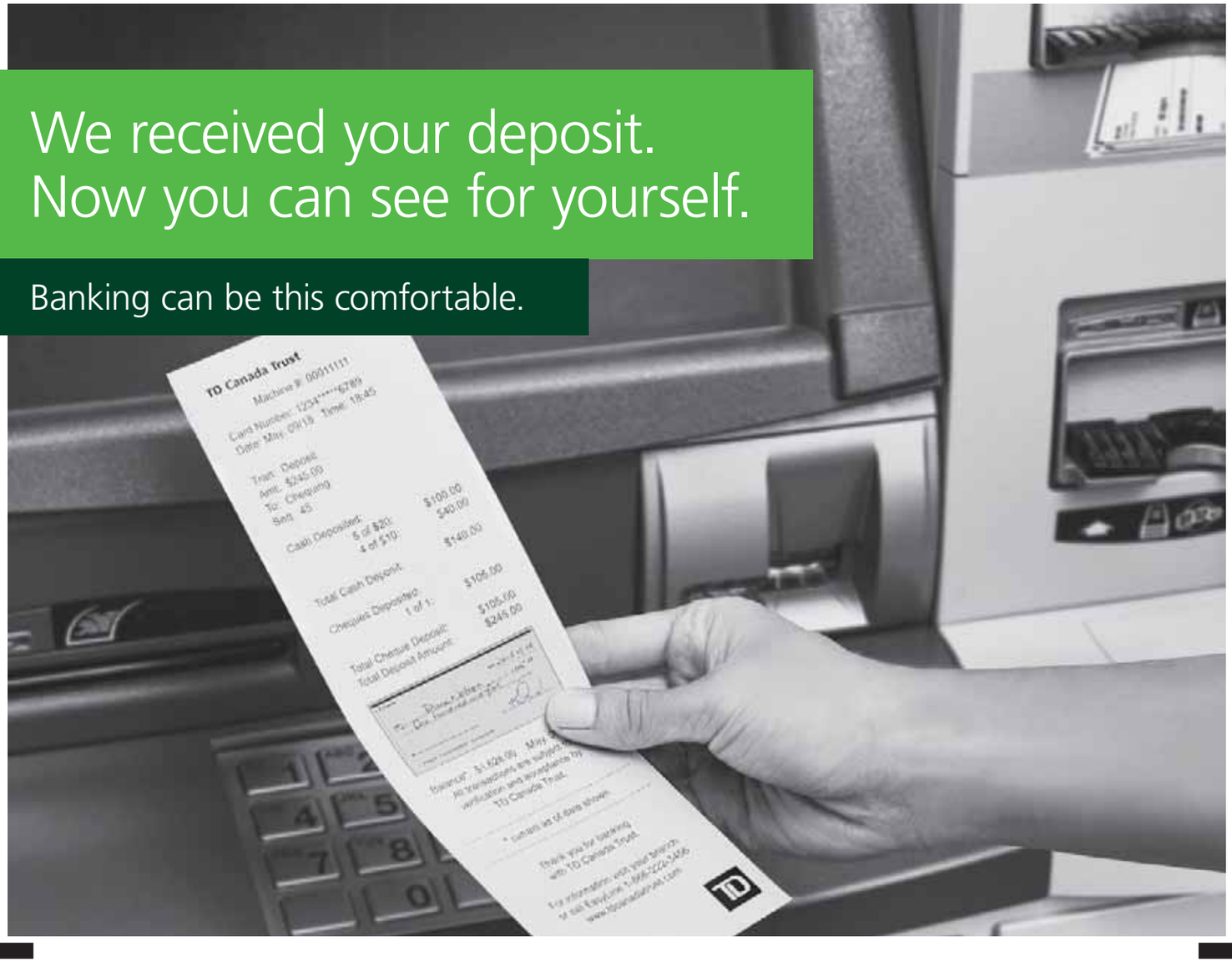

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End of an era as trading pits close. **Business**

Voices of the march

Thousands of people rallied at Queen's Park Sunday and marched through the streets of Toronto calling for an economy that is rooted in social justice, provides good jobs and protects the environment. Here's why some said they marched.

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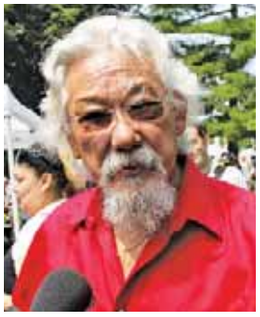

DAVID SUZUKI ENVIRONMENTALIST, BROADCASTER

I'm marching because this is a people's march and it encompasses people from a broad spectrum of society, from indigenous people to labour, to environmentalists to people's concerns about poverty. We're all in this. It's about our future and I'm just here to support it.

The March for Jobs, Justice and the Climate brought unions, indigenous activists, environmentalists and social justice campaigners together with a common cause.

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Brewery turning into big noise in neighbourhood

CITY HALL

Mixed views on effects of beer business

Mandie and Mark Murphy, of the Left Field Brewery, have reached out to their neighbours. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Since April, Mandie and Mark Murphy have been selling craft beer from their tiny Leslieville brewery. Flanked by old brick warehouses on a narrow laneway, the Left Field Brewery has become something of a community hub, with locals buying bottles and sipping suds from noon to 9 p.m. But for a handful of neighbors whose backyards face the laneway, the sounds of chatter and laughter wafting from the brewery's open garage door are proving too much to bear.

"We were delighted when we found out that they were coming into our back lane," says Amélie Waddell, whose leafy backyard sits directly opposite the brewery. "It never occurred to me that noise was going to be an issue."

Waddell, currently spending her days at home with her six-month-old baby, says she didn't expect to overhear a cacophony of conversations every weekend.

"The problem is the garage door that they keep open," she says. "They're being very bad neighbours."

Waddell and several other Ivy Ave. residents have taken complaints about noise and increased traffic directly to the brewery, but say that not enough has been done to reduce weekend noise.

Coun. Paula Fletcher (Ward 30, Danforth) is trying to resolve the problem, having introduced a council motion to have the city work with the brewery and neighbours to remedy it. The motion will be heard Tuesday.

"I need everybody's attention at city hall — I need them to make this a priority and fix this," Fletcher said. With no community council meeting between now and September, she thinks her motion will offer the speediest resolution.

"This is a great, great business," Fletcher adds. "I've supported them all the way through. And now it's time to just make sure that it's a win-win for everybody."

For the Murphys, being good neighbours has been a priority from the get-go.

"Before we even laid our shovel to the ground, we went door-to-door and handed out our business cards," Mandie says. The couple also installed a cigarette butt receptacle in the laneway and gave neighbours "No Parking" signs to post behind their houses. They say that music is always kept low and they even refuse to host private events.

"Legally, we're allowed to have our bottle shop open until 11 o'clock," Mandie says. "We've opted to close at 9 o'clock out of respect for the neighbours."

The Murphys say that closing the brewery's large garage door during business hours is not an option.

"The brewing process creates a great deal of heat," Mandie explains. Air conditioning, she adds, would be completely inefficient from an environmental perspective.

"Six thousand square feet in a hundred-year-old building," Mark, her husband, pipes in. "A single loud talker can set off a complaint," he laments.

The couple's goal with the brewery, which employs 12, was to bring the west end's beer culture out east.

Not all of the brewery's neighbours are frothing. Lesley Bouza, whose backyard is only three doors down, says it's a welcome addition to the neighbourhood.

"They've been great neighbours so far," Bouza says. "During the day, people will be there — but it's people with their kids."

Bouza, who works from home, says her property value has increased since the brewery moved in. "I love that the alleyway is a bit more lively," she adds. "Before they came in here, I'd had a couple break-ins in my car. Since they've come, nothing — because there's activity back there now. I love it!"

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> **A single loud talker can set off a complaint.**
> Mark Murphy

LIQUOR CONTROL

Booze laws loosen slowly

Hopes that Ontarians would be able to buy their champagne for this New Year's Eve in a supermarket have fizzled.

That's because the liberalization of the province restrictive booze laws is taking longer than expected.

Premier Kathleen Wynne's business guru, Ed Clark, had hoped to complete his recommendations on getting wine to Ontario grocery store shelves before summer's end.

But sources say it now could be as late as November before the former TD Bank chief executive completes the next phase of opening up Ontario alcohol retailing, which means wine changes are unlikely until 2016.

In April, Clark released a 63-page blueprint for selling six-packs in 450 of Ontario's 1,500 supermarkets.

The first grocery stores will begin peddling suds — and competing with the privately owned Beer Store chain — by this Christmas.

The wine business is proving more difficult to uncork.

Currently, the provincially owned Liquor Control Board of Ontario has a retail monopoly on quality wines from France, Italy, Spain, Australia, Argentina, and other countries.

That is even trickier than tackling the Beer Store chain because "there's probably more sensitivities in the wine world than there is in the beer world," said Clark.

"When you're dealing with a lot of small French producers or California producers who are quite prepared to use the trade weapons so you have to be very careful."

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Historic moment for dodgeball team

INTERNATIONAL STAGE

Burton scores achievement for Canadian trans athletes

When Canada goes for gold in August at the World Dodgeball Championship, the team will include what's believed to be a first for any Canadian sports team on the international stage: a transgender athlete.

Canada's dodgeball team is only three years old and not yet officially sanctioned, but it's already making its mark.

Savannah Burton of Toronto, once a player on the men's team, will play on the women's at the upcoming world championship in Las Vegas.

"Growing up, I didn't know of any trans athletes at all." Burton told the Star in an interview. "People see me out there, and if it encourages them to play sports, I think that's great."

Burton, an actress by profession, enquired about trying out for the women's team earlier this year, a process that turned out to be relatively easy.

Canadian Dodgeball Association spokeswoman Bethel Lascano said the group — which was dealing with the question of transgender participation for the first time — decided Burton needed to have a legal sex change and receive hormone therapy for a "sufficient length of time."

Burton, who started transitioning soon after she played on the men's team in 2012 dodgeball competition in Malaysia, met the conditions.

Lascano said the association then brought the matter to the sport's international governing body, and Burton's participation was approved.

Other sporting events, however, have more stringent criteria. Most — including the upcoming Pan Am Games — impose Olympics-inspired participation conditions that include surgery as well, which Burton says prevents participation for many transgender athletes.

"A lot of trans people just don't want surgery — they can't afford surgery," Burton said, adding that surgery does not necessarily do anything to affect performance. "It doesn't have any athletic benefit."

She added that the only criteria should be hormone therapy and testosterone blockers, citing her own experience.

"You basically don't have any testosterone in your body," she said. "You're basically at the same hormone levels as any other girl, any other woman."

Making the dodgeball team is not Burton's first trailblazing moment. Last summer, she and a friend became the first transgender women in Canada to participate in a female rowing competition.

"I want to bring across that it's OK for trans people to participate in sports," Burton said. "Trans people — we have such a hard time in society just walking down the street sometimes."

Burton, however, is only Canada's first known transgender athlete in terms of team sports. In individual sports, mountain biker Michelle Dumaresq, who first competed in 2001, is regarded as the first.

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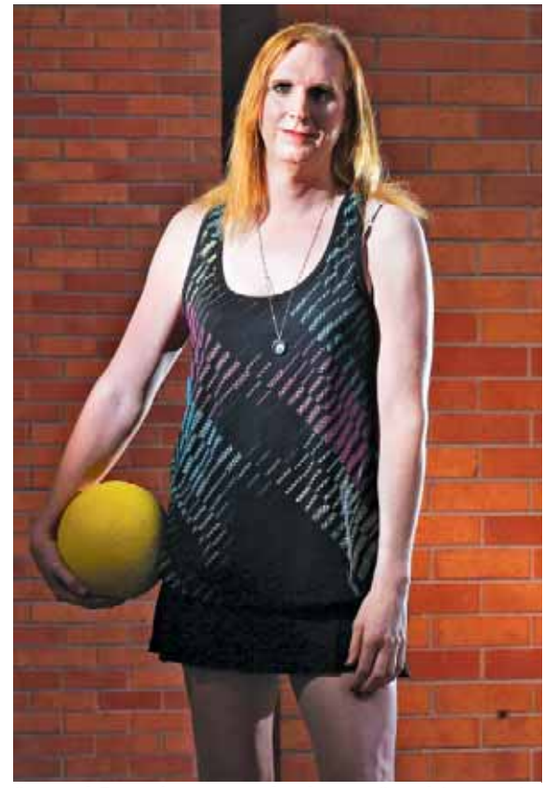
> Savannah Burton



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PERFORMANCES

Aboriginal artists featured in inaugural Pan Am festival

Gilbert Ngabo
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In the midst of the Pan Am Games fever, the aboriginal community is bringing its artistic and cultural value to the fore.

From July 10 to 26, the Fort York historic site’s Garrison Common grounds will host what’s described as the largest aboriginal music, arts and culture festival to hit Canada.

Programming of this inaugural Aboriginal Pavilion includes, among other things, over 50 concerts, an aboriginal comedy night, a large visual arts group exhibit, and a sports zone with boxing instruction offered up by First Nations Olympian Mary Spencer.

“We wanted to mark a strong aboriginal presence during the games,” said Rheanne Chartrand, the festival’s artistic producer. “This is a really unique opportunity. With so many visitors coming to Toronto for the games, it is a great time to learn a lot about our community and how rich and diverse it is.”

The festival will also serve as a way for the aboriginal people to express themselves through music, arts and performance. While some members of the local First Nations will participate in the games through different ways, it is important that those who don’t also get a chance to showcase their talents, she said.

“We use music, dance and art as vehicles for talking about things that are important to us,” she said. Whether it’s about dealing with the trauma from the residential schools or raising awareness about missing and murdered aboriginal women, a lot of artists use their talents to draw attention to those issues, added Chartrand.

“That’s our way of talking about things that aren’t always easy to talk about,” she said. The push to open up more started with the Idle No More movement and was stressed following the recent release of the Truth and Reconciliation report, she said.

A Tribe Called Red, pictured left, is one of the headline acts that will perform during the festival. Crystal Shawanda is expected to perform at the Aboriginal Pavilion. CONTRIBUTED

> **“Art really does have that healing and restorative capacity, and is also a great way to educate.”**
> Rheanne Chartrand

IN BRIEF

Oakville woman charged after deadly hit-and-run

A 33-year-old woman is facing criminal charges after the hit-and-run death of a male cyclist in Milton Friday night.

Halton police said an Oakville man, 50, was hit from behind on Tremaine Road around 9 p.m. Friday.

An Oakville woman, 33, has been charged with impaired operation causing death, blood alcohol level over 80, dangerous operation causing death and failing to stop at a scene causing death. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Investigation launched into Beach home death

Toronto police have launched a suspicious death investigation after a body was found in a Beach home Friday night.

A sergeant said an emergency call came in as a medical complaint at 65 Elmer Ave., near Queen St. E.

On the scene, they found a deceased female in her 50s. The sergeant said the death is considered suspicious. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Aga Khan Park activities welcome Pan Am flame

DON MILLS

Parkgoers enjoy souk bazaar food, music, henna and fun for kids

Jessica Smith Cross
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Visitors take part in the events at Aga Khan Park on a sunny day prior to the arrival of the Pan Am torch. The event was to mark the beginning of programming in the park.
LANCE MCMILLAN/ FOR METRO

The flame for the Pan Am games was a big attraction in the city Sunday, but first the people of Don Mills had a park to welcome.

Visitors to the first major public event at the beautiful Aga Khan Park had plenty to enjoy. The park, located between the Aga Khan Museum and the Ismaili Centre, has reflecting pools, green spaces and trees.

People were treated to yoga sessions, a souk bazaar with food and drinks, performances on the main stage, more performances by the artists roving the grounds, and kids' activities zone with Zumba dancing and face painting for kids, and henna for mothers.

In the evening, they welcomed the Pan Am flame, which arrived not in torch form but in the lantern that's used to preserve it overnight.

With a crowd there for the event, the volunteers who run the park on behalf of the Aga Khan Museum decided to take the opportunity to ask visitors what they would like to see it become.

"Today, in one of our booths we're focus-grouping and asking people what appeals to them," said Karim Ladak, who runs all activities at the park. "We did a poll with 300 of our volunteers last week and we're doing a broader poll today."

The idea, he said, is to offer both free and commercial activities, possibly including walking and yoga programming, to barbeques, jazz festivals and private events.

"We're also planning to serve, down the line, pie in the park," he said. "All of these things, you need a business model for and we're working our way to it. But to me, the future of the park, and this community, is very exciting."

The Aga Khan Museum, which opened in 2014, was set up with support from the Aga Khan, a British businessman and hereditary Imam of the Shia Ismaili Muslims, and showcases some of his personal collection of Islamic art.

In the future, the park will have its own management company to run events, said Ladak.

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Liberty advocates denied

JUSTICE

Judge rules groups would add little to niqab debate

Michael Woods
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Prominent civil liberties groups have been denied intervenor status in the high-profile case of a woman challenging the government's ban on wearing the niqab during citizenship ceremonies.

In a ruling last month, a Federal Court of Appeal judge dismissed the applications of six groups — including the Ontario Human Rights Commission, Canadian Civil Liberties Association and National Council of Canadian Muslims — wishing to intervene in the case of Zunera Ishaq.

Of the six applicants, "none has persuaded me that it will advance different and valuable insights and perspectives that will actually further the Court's determination of the matter," Justice David Stratas wrote in his decision.

Ishaq, a Mississauga woman who became a permanent resident in 2008, launched a legal challenge of the federal government's ban on niqabs during citizenship ceremonies, claiming it violated her Charter rights.

In a February ruling, the Federal Court sided with her, finding that the policy was unlawful.

"To the extent that the policy interferes with a citizenship judge's duty to allow candidates for citizenship the greatest possible freedom in the religious solemnization or the solemn affirmation of the oath it is unlawful," Justice Keith M. Boswell wrote in his ruling.

The federal government appealed the ruling. But the court of appeal's new ruling on the intervenors means the hearing won't include some of the country's leading civil liberties groups.

Organizations such as the CCLA routinely intervene on civil liberties cases. But Stratas called the submissions "unspecific and unparticularized."

"All of the applicants' submissions are too general and diffuse to be persuasive," he wrote.

Last month, in an apparent response to the Federal Court ruling, the Conservatives introduced new legislation requiring citizenship applicants to show their face while taking the oath of citizenship.

With Parliament risen for the summer and an election coming in the fall, the bill will likely die on the Order Paper.

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> Justice David Stratas

Zunera Ishaq won a legal challenge of the niqab ban during citizenship ceremonies in February, but civil liberties groups are being denied the chance to speak at an appeal launched by the federal government. VINCE TALOTTA/THE TORONTO STAR

IN BRIEF

SIU investigating officer-involved shooting

Ontario's police watchdog is investigating the fatal shooting of a man after officers in Toronto responded to a report of a man armed with a hammer.

The Special Investigations Unit says the incident occurred early Sunday morning in west-end Toronto and there was an interaction between the officers and a 45-year-old man in which one officer discharged his firearm.

The man was pronounced dead at the scene.

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Officer charged after gun, duty belt stolen

Barrie police have charged a 43-year-old Peel Regional Police officer after her handgun and duty belt were stolen from her personal car.

Investigators say it happened in front of the officer's home in Barrie, overnight between June 26 and June 27. Police charged two 20-year-old Barrie men in connection with the alleged theft Tuesday.

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Observers concerned with fixed-date election

POLITICS

Change creates loophole for spending that may be abused

The first fixed-date election in Canadian history is just around the corner, but some observers are raising concerns about overspending because of a law they say is flawed.

When the Conservatives introduced a fixed election date nine years ago, political financing rules were not adjusted accordingly, says Elections Canada boss Marc Mayrand.

"We must not be blind," said Mayrand. "As much as it is easier for Elections Canada to plan for the election, it's just as easy for political parties and third parties" to plan their spending before the election.

Those expenses generally go "beyond the rules outlined in the electoral law," he added.

The Harper government had a chance to close some of those loopholes when it examined the electoral law but opted to leave a "gaping hole," says Thierry Giasson, a political science professor at Universite Laval.

"The issue of pre-election spending was raised but the government consciously decided not to dwell on it," said Giasson.

Election campaigns are organized 12 to 18 months in advance, but only expenses incurred during the official campaign period are capped, Giasson said.

A fixed-date election extends that period considerably — meaning weeks and months of unofficial campaigning not subject to rules, opposition MPs say.

"Pre-election spending is subject to quite significant abuse, with taxpayers' money that is used for government announcements," said Liberal MP Dominic LeBlanc.

The NDP's Peter Julian said using public funds to "constantly finance a sort of partisan campaign in favour of the Conservative party" is a Harper government "trademark."

The Conservatives were criticized in the spring for trumpeting tax measures not yet approved by Parliament: the Universal Child Care Benefit.

Cheques are going out to four million families in the days to come and have been the subject of recent Conservative photo-ops featuring cabinet ministers Pierre Poilievre and Steven Blaney.

Conservative MP Maxime Bernier dismissed the notion that events like those are part of a strategy to seduce voters.

"People are smart," Bernier said. "I think the public knows the difference between pre-election ads to ... try to buy votes and ads that are part of a broader government plan."

Political parties aside, the emergence of third-party groups like Engage Canada and Harper-PAC on the political landscape has some observers speculating about an Americanization of the Canadian electoral system.

When Conservatives introduced a fixed election date in 2006, financing rules were not adjusted, says Elections Canada boss Marc Mayrand (pictured). JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Others believe Canada is still a long way from that reality.

"Is the political culture changing, and how much of that is actually due to the fixed date?" Mayrand wondered. "That's a little hard to say, but I would say we are still far from the U.S. system."

The Oct. 19 vote will mark the first time a fixed election will have taken place. While it was designed to create a level playing field, Giasson said it's clear the party in power still has the upper hand.

Mayrand said he'll make recommendations to Parliament following the general election and will likely tackle the spending issue.

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CENSUS

StatsCan asks the question

Call it the Mike Duffy question.

When Canadians receive their census questionnaire next year, they'll be asked to fill out the address of their "secondary residence," if they happen to have one and are at that location on census day.

"A secondary residence" could be, "for example, a cottage," the form reads.

It's the same question Statistics Canada asks every five years: Tell us where you live and whether it is your usual place of residence.

This means the agency has a better idea of what constitutes a secondary residence than the Senate — a question central to the controversy over housing expenses and the upper chamber.

The census question is meant to ensure respondents aren't counted more than once. Such a mistake, multiplied millions of times over, could throw off population counts that governments and private businesses use when designing programs or planning projects.

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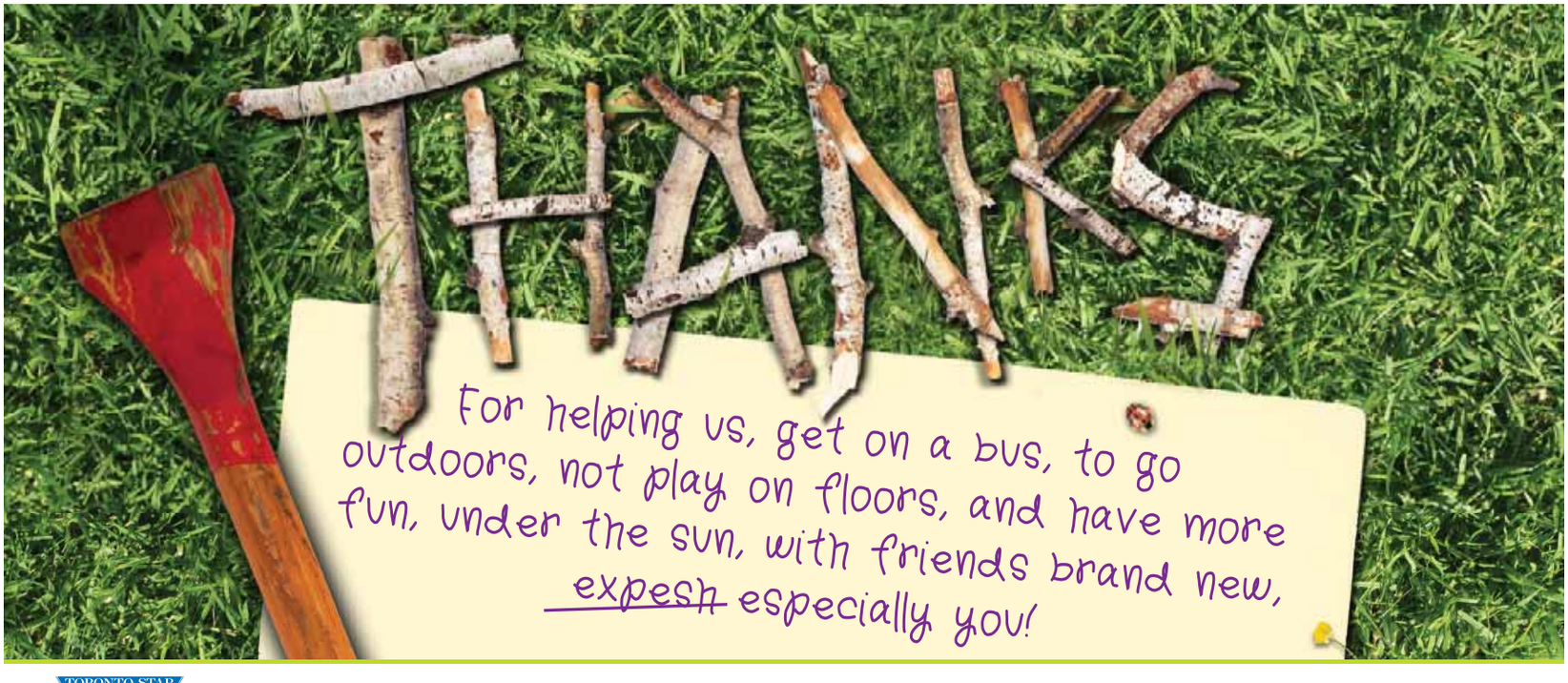
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‘Candy Bomber’ strikes again

UTAH

Veteran drops candy from airplane as he did in Berlin

A pilot who delivered candy to children in Berlin at the end of the Second World War parachuted sweets down to Orem, Utah to celebrate Independence Day.

Gail Halvorsen, 94, also known as the “Candy Bomber,” dropped 1,000 chocolate bars attached to tiny parachutes at Scera Park on Friday. He flew over the area three times before releasing the cargo into the hands of the children below.

Deb Jackson, co-chairwoman of the event, estimated more than 50,000 people stood in 100-degree Fahrenheit (38 Celsius) temperatures to watch the 4 p.m. drop.

Halvorsen flew in a fixed-wing bomber from the Second World War, with two escort planes attending, the Daily Herald of Provo reported.

Kids run to collect candy dropped by Gail Halvorsen, known as the “Candy Bomber,” from a plane Friday in Orem, Utah.
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Earlier in the day, Halvorsen spoke to the crowd at the Freedom Festival naturalization ceremony.

He spoke about the importance of service and kindness.

“The Dead Sea is dead because it wraps its arms around all of the fresh water of the Jordan and gives out nothing. In your community, there are Dead Sea souls who do the same,” he said.

Some of the children in attendance already knew of Halvorsen’s history as the “Candy Bomber.” Drew Reynolds, 9, said she learned in school about Halvorsen and the candy drops.

Gail Halvorsen
SAMMY JO HESTER/THE DAILY HERALD VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

“When he saw all the kids that were starving, he only had a piece of gum. He wished he could have more for the kids so he started dropping parachutes with candy,” she said.

Halvorsen, a Salt Lake City native, grew up as a farm boy in Utah and Idaho before earning his private pilot’s licence in 1941.

He joined the Civil Air Patrol and later the United States Army Air Corps in 1942. During the Second World War, he was assigned to fly transport operations in the South Atlantic Theatre. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COMPETITIVE EATING

‘Jaws’ Chestnut dethroned

Matt Stonie shocked the competitive eating world Saturday by upsetting Joey “Jaws” Chestnut at the Fourth of July hot dog eating contest at Nathan’s Famous in Coney Island, breaking Chestnut’s bid for a ninth straight victory.

Stonie, 23, who finished second last year, downed 62 hot dogs and buns, beating Chestnut by two. Both are from San Jose, Calif.

As thousands of spectators observed the eaters, who were on an elevated stage, the next closest competitor ate 35 hot dogs.

“I trained hard for this. This is actually amazing,” Stonie told ESPN, which broadcast the competition live like the major sporting event its biggest fans say it has become.

Afterward, Stonie, holding his fist in the air in victory, said he came into the competition confident and prepared in his quest for the $10,000 prize and the coveted mustard yellow winner’s championship belt.

“We don’t just go up there and eat hot dogs. We practise for this. We prepare our bodies,” Stonie said. “It was a tough contest. Joey brings it all. I had to push really hard to beat him. But I feel great.”

Chestnut, smiling in defeat, said he was slow and couldn’t catch Stonie, who entered the match weighing just 57 kilograms to Chestnut’s 104 kilograms.

“I’ve been looking for competition for a long time and I finally have it,” he said, vowing to return next year. “He made me hungry.”
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BACKGROUND

Here are five contributors to Greece's current state:

The credit binge: Greece has engaged in a credit binge since the early 1980s, spending the money on plush government jobs for supporters of the two major political parties, driving up wages and making Greece a costly place to do business. It also looked the other way on widespread tax evasion.

The euro: Despite its rickety finances, Greece shaped up a little for a few years and qualified to join the eurozone in 2001, but it promptly went back to its old ways.

Low interest: The euro fueled the debt binge. Banks bought Greek bonds in euros while Greece borrowed at ridiculously low rates. After the financial crisis of 2009 made investors wary of risk, Greece revealed its deficit was far higher than thought and its finances out of control. Borrowing costs shot up. It couldn't pay.

Austerity: Greece got a 110-billion-euro bailout in 2010 from eurozone countries and the International Monetary Fund. Creditors attached tough conditions but the cuts undermined growth. Unemployment soared. Misery multiplied.

Handcuffed by the euro: With its own currency, Greece could have defaulted on its debts and devalued, quickly erasing its international cost problem, and moved on within a few years. Cutting wages and prices is tougher and takes longer. Thus, the euro prolonged the agony.

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Supporters of the No vote celebrate after the results of the referendum at Syntagma square in Athens, Sunday. Greeks overwhelmingly rejected creditors' demands for more austerity measures. EMILIO MORENATTI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Big 'No' to austerity

GREEK REFERENDUM

Nation's future in eurozone uncertain

Greeks overwhelmingly rejected creditors' demands for more austerity in return for rescue loans in a critical referendum Sunday, backing Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras, who insisted the vote would give him a stronger hand to reach a better deal.

Tsipras gambled the future of his five-month-old left-wing government on the vote. The opposition accused him of jeopardizing the country's membership in the 19-nation eurozone and said a "yes" vote was about keeping the common currency.

With 70 per cent of the votes counted, the "no" side had more than 60 per cent.

Finance Minister Yanis Varoufakis said Sunday that creditors planned from the start to shut down banks to humiliate Greeks and force them to make a statement of contrition for showing that debt and loans are unsustainable.

On Sunday night's result, he said that "'no' is a big 'yes' to democratic Europe. It's a no to the vision of Europe as an infinite cage for its people. It is a loud yes to the vision of the Eurozone as a common area of prosperity and social justice."

Thousands of government supporters gathered in central Athens in celebration, waving Greek flags and chanting "No, No, No."

> **Today, democracy is defeating fear ... I am very optimistic.**
> Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras

"We don't want austerity measures anymore, this has been happening for the last five years and it has driven so many into poverty, we simply can't take any more austerity," said resident Yiannis Gkovesis, 26.

Governing left-wing Syriza party Eurodeputy Dimitris Papadimoulis said that "Greek people are proving they want to remain in Europe" as equal members "and not as a debt colony."

Minister of State Nikos Papas, said on television it would be "wrong to link a 'no' result to an exit from the eurozone. If a 'no' prevails that will help us get a better agreement."

Tsipras' high-stakes brinkmanship with lenders from eurozone countries and the International Monetary Fund resulted in Greece defaulting on its debts this week and shutting down its banks to avoid their collapse. He called the referendum last weekend, giving both sides just a week to campaign.

European officials had urged Greeks to vote against the government's recommendation. The leaders of Germany and France called for an EU summit Tuesday to discuss the situation.

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ROYAL FAMILY

Milestone for U.K.'s Princess Charlotte

Prince William and his wife, Kate, marked a milestone for their newborn baby Princess Charlotte on Sunday — a christening ceremony on Queen Elizabeth II's country estate that was steeped in royal tradition.

Hundreds of fans outside St. Mary Magdalene Church in Sandringham, a sprawling royal estate near England's eastern coast, cheered as William and Kate arrived with toddler Prince George and nine-week-old Charlotte, who was in a vintage pram.

It was only the second time Britain's newborn princess, who is fourth in line to the throne, has been seen in public since she was born on May 2.

Like her elder brother George, Charlotte was dressed for the occasion in a replica of the intricate lace-and-satin christening gown made for Queen Victoria's eldest daughter, also named Victoria, in 1841. Until 2008, that original gown had been worn by all royal babies — including the queen — at their christenings.

Following royal tradition, holy water from the River Jordan, where it is said Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, was used for the baptism.

The 16th-century church, close to William and Kate's country house Anmer Hall, is where the royal family traditionally gathers for Christmas service. It is also where Charlotte's late grandmother, Princess Diana, was christened in 1961.

The ceremony was private — the Queen, her husband Prince Philip, Prince Charles and Kate's family were among a small group of guests allowed inside. Guests also included five godparents that William and Kate chose for Charlotte. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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U.S. trading pits go silent

TECHNOLOGY

New systems force closure of futures floors in Chicago, N.Y.C.

Clerks shout in the Euro Dollar Futures pit at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange in this September 2003 file photo. Most pits in Chicago and New York City where traders bet on future prices of major commodities are expected to close for good today. ANNE RYAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Pete Meegan had every intention of going back to college, but then he got a summer job in the Chicago trading pits and fell in love with the "roar" of the floor, the excitement of "4,000 people yelling, 'Buy! Buy! Buy!'" and decided there would be no more classrooms for him.

That roar will soon go silent. On Monday, most futures pits in Chicago and New York City, where frenzied buying and selling once helped set prices on cattle and corn, gold and dozens of other commodities, are expected to close for good. Traders yelled and shoved and flashed hand signals, just as they did in the movie Trading Places. But now the computer — faster, cheaper and not nearly as noisy — has taken over.

It will be a sad day for Meegan, still in the pits 34 years after dropping out of college, donning a trading jacket and mustering the courage to tell his dad.

"I thought he was gonna kill me, but he was like, 'I don't care if you pick up garbage or you're a dog groomer. If you are happy doing what you are doing, you're ahead of 99 per cent of the people in the world,'" recalls Meegan, now 54.

Dan Grant, 53, traces his love affair with the pits to a $150-a-week job as a "runner" ferrying messages between clerks taking phone orders from customers and brokers executing them.

Six years into his career, on Oct. 19, 1987, stocks were plunging around the world and he was a clerk taking orders from the head traders at Chemical Bank and Drexel Burnham Lambert desperate to buy anything to protect themselves. Grant still marvels that at just 24, with no college degree, he wielded such power in the crash, later known as Black Monday.

"They were buying Treasurys and currencies, and watching their stock portfolios go to zero," he recalls. "It was a lot of fun."

Not all futures pits are going away. In its February announcement about the closings, the owner of the exchanges said the pits where Standard and Poor's 500 stock futures and options on futures are traded will remain open.

Floor trading of stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, which is owned by a different company, won't end, either.

Grant, the runner turned clerk who now oversees his own trading firm, says he mourns the loss of the kind of entry-level positions that gave kids without much education a chance to prove themselves, just as he did.

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IN BRIEF

Chinese factory collapses

A shoe factory collapsed in eastern China during a weekend shift, killing at least nine people and injuring more than 30, officials said Sunday. Nine people escaped the collapse Saturday afternoon in the Zhejiang province city of Wenling. Rescuers pulled 42 people from the rubble and sent them to a hospital where nine of them died, the Wenling city government said on its microblog. The cause of the accident is still under investigation.

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THE BIG POLL: Uber-contentious

It's dominating headlines, street protests and taxicab conversations across the nation: Everyone seems to have an opinion about ride-sharing apps like Uber and Lyft. For traditionalists, these apps are replacing taxi drivers' well-paid, secure jobs with unlicensed casual workers and little oversight. To others, it's a cheap and convenient way to get around — and a sign that the future smartphone-based retail economy is en route. We asked our online readers where they stand.

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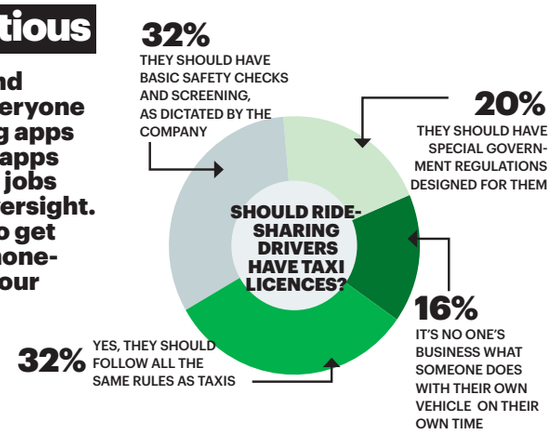
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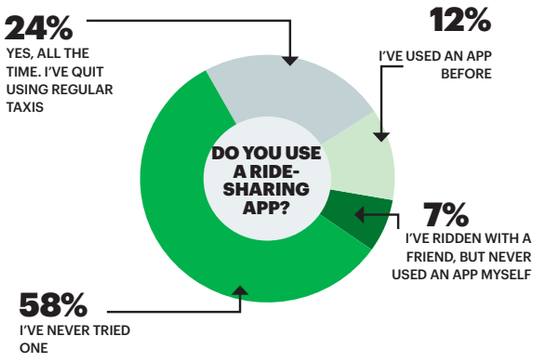
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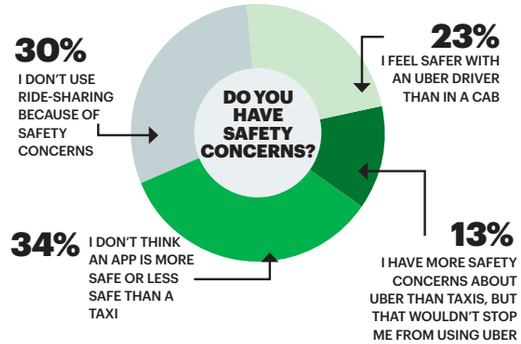
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What HOV lanes can teach us about traffic

TORY'S TORONTO
Matt Elliott

I've got a couple of questions for drivers sitting alone in their cars, stuck in traffic, looking longingly at those temporary high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes installed on GTA highways for the Pan Am Games.

First, how much would you pay to use those lanes? Five bucks a day? 20? Your first-born child?

It seems many drivers would consider paying something. When I drove around last week, I saw no shortage of people willing to risk getting a $110 fine for using the lanes without the required three occupants in their vehicle.

There have even been tales of people looking to rent expensive mannequins to cheat the system.

One way or another, a lot of drivers seem willing to pay for clear roads.

Which brings me to my second question: Wouldn't it be great if every highway lane could pretty much always be as fast and congestion-free as these temporary HOV lanes? What would you pay for that?

For all the consternation about the lanes, they seem to be serving their intended purpose. A head-to-head test conducted by Metro last week found the HOV lanes on the Don Valley Parkway and the Gardiner get you where you're going more than twice as quickly as the regular lanes.

Where previously all highway lanes were slow-moving during peak periods, the new HOV regulations mean one highway lane is virtually always free-flowing.

That might seem obvious — duh, if you reduce the number of cars that can use a lane, traffic in that lane will improve — but this isn't a concept that gets a lot of play when politicians talk about fighting gridlock.

We hear much about building infrastructure, whether it be transit or refurbished waterfront expressways, but not enough about the other side of the traffic-fighting equation: Ending the subsidies on single-occupant vehicle travel and putting a price on the use of public road space.

Toronto's HOV experiment hints at how effective that strategy could be. Putting increased requirements on the use of some lanes reduced congestion in those lanes. Putting a price — a toll — on the use of those lanes for single occupant vehicles could do much the same thing.

And what if that strategy was extended to its natural conclusion? What if there was a market price charged for the use of all roads all the time? How much would driver behaviour change? What if we treated road space like any limited market resource, and charged more for it when supply got low?

Wouldn't it be great if every lane could always be as fast and congestion-free as these HOV lanes?

This isn't a complete policy proposal. I'm just putting out questions to consider.

And, hey, good news — if you're driving a single occupant vehicle this summer, you should have plenty of time to think about them.

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Some days, I don't believe victory over sexism is possible

Question: How many reports does it take to end sexism?

Answer: Infinite. Or: None.

Since the report on sexism at Dalhousie's dentistry program was released last week, observers have noted — just as they did after the report on sexism in the military came out earlier this year — that no campus or government department is an island. Our broader culture is, at root, to blame.

And it's true.

The Dalhousie report, which stemmed from the revelation of a very rapey Facebook page run by male students — found the school "permits incidents of sexism, misogyny, homophobia and racism."

Dalhousie, of course, isn't alone. Last week, a York University student filed a human-rights complaint against that school for its allegedly lackadaisical response when she told them she'd been raped by a fellow student.

"The (Facebook page) 'Class of DDS 2015 Gentlemen' did not exist in a vacuum," the Dalhousie report notes in its section on "Society," under the heading "Why did this happen?"

If that sounds like a cop-out by the report's authors, partly, it is. It's an admission of the obvious: that reports can't solve sexism, as much as they may attempt to do their part. They can't even force change unless they're turned into action (the Dalhousie recommendations don't even include new rules at the school: It already has sufficient ones in place).

In fact, they're most successful as litmus tests. We're at a point on the sexism scale, they indicate, where the ultimate, implicit goal is a world free from prejudice. We've made improvements, we then tell ourselves. Maybe, with these reports, we can make more.

And maybe, a lot won't change. The Dalhousie Facebook page, with its comments about using nitrous oxide on women and "hate f–king" them, carries the same message as was scrawled across Queen's University in 1989. At the time, as This Magazine reported, signs such as "'No' means 'Kick her in the teeth,'" "'No' means more beer" and "'No' means 'Down on your knees, b-tch'" were posted in response to a "'No' means 'No"' campaign against date rape.

Some days, and this is one of them, I don't believe victory over sexism is possible. I don't believe reports will do much to help. I don't feel like doing the womanly thing and being grateful for how far we've come, or hopeful for the future. I'm not even angry.

I drink my coffee, and do my job, and think that's just the society we will always live in.

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Ex sex kitten asks chic cat to purr-suade her owner to quit furring around

With fashionistas baking in a mascara-melting heat wave and Italy's Fendi set to raise hackles with an all-fur collection, Paris Fashion Week, which opened Sunday, may prove a tad too haute to handle.

High-fashion designers will unveil their autumn and winter collections over five days in Paris that will kick off with shows by Russian couturier Ulyana Sergeenko and Dutch designer Ilja Visser.

But the highlight of the extravaganza will be German fashion legend Karl Lagerfeld's collection celebrating his 50 years working for Fendi, hailed as the "longest relationship between a designer and a fashion house."

The show on Wednesday will be entirely "haute fourrure" or, couture fur — a material the luxury fashion brand has never shied away from.

French film icon and passionate animal activist Brigitte Bardot has already shown her disapproval by writing a letter to Choupette Lagerfeld, the designer's pampered feline companion.

Bardot appealed to the cat — who has become famous with 48,000 Twitter followers — to "purr in the ear" of her master and save her "furry friends,"

But even Choupette, whose every whim is catered to, is unlikely to stop the show.

Lagerfeld has often said that while he is very sympathetic to the anti-fur cause, doing away with the industry would cause a lot of people to lose their jobs.

"For me, as long as people eat meat and wear leather, I don't get the message," he told the New York Times in a recent interview, adding however that he preferred not to think about how the animals died.

The indefatigable Lagerfeld, 81, will also be presenting his collection for Chanel, the fashion house that is perhaps the most synonymous with Paris's reputation for glamour and known for spectacular staging.

In total some 30 designers will present the Haute Couture shows seen only in the City of Light.

The designation is protected by French law and attributed exclusively by the ministry of industry to 14 houses whose high-end clothes are entirely made by hand and tailored to each client.

On Monday the glitterati will be glued to the show by Schiaparelli as French designer Bertrand Guyon makes his debut as style director for the legendary house.

Founded in 1930 by Elsa Schiaparelli, Coco Chanel's biggest rival, the house made its couture comeback in January 2014 after lying dormant for 60 years.

On Wednesday John Galliano will put on his second couture show for Margiela in Paris, after choosing to present his comeback collection in London in January — seen as a snub to the French capital where he fell from grace.

Galliano lost his job as Dior's star designer in 2011 when he was filmed in a Paris bar making slurred insults against Jews, and disappeared from the runway for several years.

This time it is Valentino who will be missing from the Paris couture diary, having chosen to show his collection on Thursday in Rome as he celebrates the opening of his largest store in the world. AFP

Karl Lagerfeld, his pet cat Choupette and four fur purse charms from his collection, celebrating 50 years with Fendi. PHOTOS: GETTY, INSTAGRAM, FENDI.COM

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Tackling math

Baltimore Ravens football star also a mathlete

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Baltimore Raven John Urschel #64 is a mathematics whiz. RONALD MARTINEZ/GETTY IMAGES

John Urschel is best known as an offensive lineman for the Baltimore Ravens. But he's also a mathematics whiz who has published academic papers (his latest: A Cascadic Multigrid Algorithm for Computing the Fiedler Vector of Graph Laplacians), taught college calculus (at alma mater Penn State) and presented research to the NSA.

In addition to teaching during the off-season, Urschel is now partnering with new startup Persado, figuring out how to use math to generate compelling ad copy. (So, he can add Don Draper 2.0 to his résumé, too.)

We caught up with the mathlete and asked him why it's important for football players to know their times tables.

You are a football player and a mathematician. Most people can grasp the football player part, but what exactly does a mathematician do?

Being a mathematician, in essence, is just applying mathematics to the world we live in. And that's it ... It doesn't have to be in academia. It can be in government, working for the NSA; it can be in the private sector, such as with a company like Persado, which has mathematicians.

> **"I always had this desire to understand the unknown, and math—man — it was this beautiful thing.**
> John Urschel

I believe that the 21st century is the century of the mathematician.

So, does math make you a better football player? Is there a connection between math and football?

Mainly the competitiveness. That strong competitive drive — "I'm going to beat you" — is the same when it comes to tackling a math problem — like, "I am going to solve this and get at this and be victorious."

Beyond that, the better you are at thinking quickly and efficiently, the better of a football player you're going to be.

You're involved with lots of STEM and education initiatives. Why is it so important for kids to get into math?

No matter what job you get into — whether it's writing, working at a PR firm or playing professional football — mathematics will serve you well.

You will face problems throughout your life — problems that the great majority of the time you have never faced before. And all of a sudden, you'll need to take your experiences, the skills you have learned, and the tools you have acquired and somehow apply them to this new thing.

Your careers are so different and both are challenging — how do you balance them?

I have this terrible balance in my life. The problem is I love football and I do football, and I love math and I do math.

But then I don't want to do anything else, and I don't do anything else ... But I like my life, so I guess it's not that bad!

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Plant medical pot with free 3D printer system

An Ottawa tech company that allowed urbanites to plant veggies with 3D-printable gardening tools is planting another type of green.

3Dponics Inc. has created a printable hydroponics system for medical marijuana.

"We're merging 3D printing, horticulture, medical marijuana and so much more," said 3Dponics CEO Michael Golubev.

Like the company's initial balcony ecosystem, this printable hydroponics system is free. The pieces snap together, then pot growers will need to buy a water pump before they can grow their own weed. It works like any other drip hydroponics system. So far, there are beta users in the U.S., but all the files will be downloadable within the next two weeks.

There's green to be made in this growing business.

"It's like the gold rush, basically, especially in the States," Golubev said.

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Nourish work connections

NETWORKING

Build on the momentum of those first introductions

OFFICE RELATIONS

Eleni Deacon

Keeping in touch with professional contacts will keep you on their radar. ISTOCK

You click with a new contact at a professional event. You work in similar fields and seem to be on the same wavelength. Cards are exchanged. Later that week, you add each other on LinkedIn. Then you never speak again.

Sound familiar? Networking can be nerve-racking: not only do you have to figure out what to say to a stranger, you don't want to seem phoney or needy. But while that first introduction might appear daunting, it's a small hurdle compared to what's next. Because the trickiest aspect of networking isn't making new contacts — it's maintaining them.

To keep connections from crumbling, practise consistency. Effective networking doesn't mean sending a surge of emails when you start looking for a job. It should be a steady habit throughout your career. Rather than thinking of contacts as names on a scorecard, think of them as genuine relationships that evolve over time. The first step to playing the networking long game: Stop thinking of it as a game.

Lasting affiliations require regular communication. In the weeks after you meet, send a targeted but casual email — then repeat the process periodically. Your notes could include links to cool articles, followup questions about their work, or anecdotes relevant to your previous conversations. The goal is not to immediately ask for a recommendation or favour — it's to develop a rapport. Reach out routinely, and they'll do the same when pertinent opportunities become available.

In-person catch-ups will also strengthen your ties. The time commitment doesn't have to be huge: a quick lunch or coffee every six months to a year will be enough to upgrade your connection from distant acquaintance to friendly associate. No time to make things personal? Social media, when used thoughtfully, can keep your network fresh. You won't become besties, but simply liking Facebook statuses or favouriting tweets will ensure you're on their radar when gigs arise.

Networking isn't just about getting perks — it's also about giving them. One of the most effective ways to encourage someone else to help you is to help them first. Introducing a new contact to others in your sphere, offering expertise, or providing a quality service will demonstrate that you're not solely invested in your own advancement — you're also investing in them. The payoff may not be immediate, but chances are they'll return the favour at some point in your career.

Many people "hate" networking, but that's because they hate what networking shouldn't be: a schmooze. Show sincere interest in the people you meet, and they'll keep your best interest in mind.

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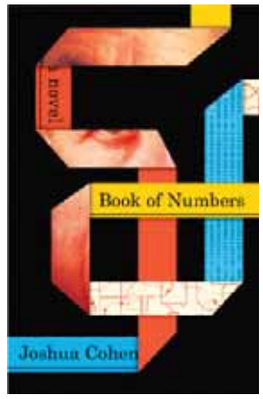

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Book of Numbers

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In profiling the founder of a fictional Google, Cohen wrestles with a manic tech addiction, meaning he uses a lot of web jargon. It's done with humour and craft, but says more about personal disorders than how our lives are made colder in a digital age.

Silicon Valley hacks the food biz

TECHNOLOGY

Startups hope to disrupt the way we eat plants, animals

A wave of Silicon Valley-style disruption is hitting the food industry.

Lab-grown meat, vegan cheese and "animal free" milk and eggs are headed for consumers, often with backing from the tech sector and its financial allies.

These products could fill an important need while reducing environmental problems such as energy and land use for traditional food industries, according to backers.

This new group of startups is essentially hacking the food sector with new ideas and technologies involving food and with strong ties to Silicon Valley.

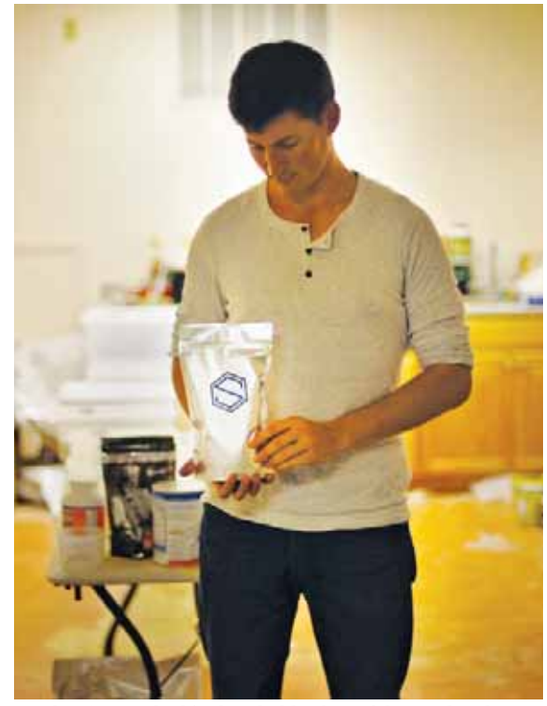
Some are using plant protein to substitute for animal products while others are producing foods biologically through so-called "cellular agriculture."

At least $138 million in investment poured into the segment of "sustainable protein" startups in 2014, according to the research firm AgFunder. Another research firm, CB Insights, calculates at least $221 million invested in the sector over the past 18 months.

More deals appear to be cooking, with participation from major Silicon Valley players.

Bioengineering food

"I think this new industry will be disruptive," said Isha Datar, executive director of the nonprofit group New Harvest, which promotes cellular agriculture, or the use of stem or other cells to produce replications of animal products.



Soylent CEO Rob Rhinehart holds a bag of the meal replacement powder in a California warehouse. JOSH EDELSON/AFP

> **The people who are doing these things are evidently not foodies. They eat to live, but do not live to eat.**
> Marion Nestle, food studies professor

The tech sector is spearheading this effort, Datar says, with most of the traditional food industry stuck in "a deeply ingrained system that makes it less amenable to change."

Brooklyn-based startup Modern Meadow is developing an edible cultured meat prototype along with bioengineered leather products, which do not require animal slaughter.

Among the prominent investors in this sector is Microsoft founder Bill Gates, who sees the industry as helping fight against a key environmental challenge. AFP

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Rise of the cord cutters

CBC REPORT

Canadians snub traditional TV, find new ways to watch shows

A growing number of Canadians are ditching their traditional television subscriptions, according to a new CBC research report.

The May 2015 report said more than half of Canadians currently without cable television have "cut the cord," meaning they had a television subscription and cancelled it.

"With the prevalence of TV content on the Internet and Netflix, Canadians are seeing less need to have a TV subscription," the report said.

Sixteen per cent of Canadians don't pay for a traditional TV service, up from 12 per cent three years ago, the report said.

"We consider it a big jump," said Mark Allen, senior director of corporate research at CBC/Radio-Canada in Ottawa. "People have realized that if they're a light TV viewer, they can get what they need on the Internet."

Allen said cord cutters are finding other ways to watch their favourite shows and some believe they were paying too much for television.

Sixteen per cent of Canadians don't pay for a traditional TV service. Of those currently without cable television, more than half had a television subscription and cancelled it, known as "cutting the cord." ISTOCK

Marjie Lynn was looking for ways to save money when she decided to cut ties with her television provider.

"We're the average Nova Scotian family, living paycheque to paycheque to paycheque and ... you look at things that you can do, and one of those was cutting off cable," said the educational assistant in a recent interview from Hantsport, N.S.

"With the wonders of Netflix and online streaming ... you can basically achieve all the TV watching that you want."

The report also said a fifth of television subscribers were interested in cutting the cord, with a third already having taken steps towards that end.

Allen said whether or not the number of cord cutters continues to rise will depend on how much choice Canadians have in the future to watch television online and the success of the CRTC's "pick-and-pay" and "skinny package" rules for television providers, which become mandatory in December 2016.

"Up until this point, cord cutters have been light TV viewers," said Allen. "But there are a lot of new over-the-top services that are making it easier for people, like Netflix and in the U.S. there are things like HBONow.

"It will depend on how the over-the-top options roll out and whether they are available to Canadians."

The report also shows a divide among anglophones and francophones, said Allen.

> **"With the wonders of Netflix and online streaming ... you can basically achieve all the TV watching that you want.**
>
> Marjie Lynn of Hantsport, N.S., who cut ties with her television provider

Twenty-three per cent of anglophones said they were likely to cut the cord eventually, compared to 14 per cent of francophones.

"Quebecers have had access to pick-and-pay for almost a decade, and we haven't seen the same amount of cord cutting," said Allen. "That could be a contributing factor."

The report is based on phone and online surveys conducted in the fall of 2014 with more than 8,000 people across Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

DEBT

Student loans: When it pays off to pay it off ASAP

Kyle Prevost
youngandthrifty.ca

Some "money gurus" tell you the key to financial success is to pay off all your debts as soon as possible, while others preach that it's compound interest and investing for the future that will set you free. It may be common sense to pay off high-interest debt like that found on your credit card balance, but things get a little bit grey when looking at student loan debt.

According to the Canadian Federation of Students, the average student that graduates with student debt is now $27,000 in the red when they don the iconic cap and gown. In a job market where young folks are having trouble launching their careers, that number can cause intense anxiety.

In order to better understand how this decision pertains to you, the first thing you need to know is that the generic term "student loan" actually refers to two separate loans — your provincial student loan and federal student loan (it can also apply to private student loans).

The reason this distinction is so important is that those two loans will get treated differently after you leave post-secondary education. Your province sets the interest rate for the provincial part of the loan and the Canadian government is responsible for the interest rate on the federal share.

For example, in my home province of Manitoba it was recently announced that there would no longer be any interest charged on provincial student loans, while the federal government still requires you to pay a rate of prime plus 2.5 per cent or prime plus 5 per cent if you want to lock in your current rate.

This difference in interest rates might not seem like a big deal, but it can take hundreds or even thousands of dollars out of your pocket.

$ LOANS 101

- Government student loans consist of two parts — federal and provincial.
- Private student loans come from your bank or credit union. They often have higher interest rates and are not eligible for tax credits.
- Figuring out your "real" rate of interest means factoring in your provincial interest rate, federal interest rate, and relevant tax credits.
- Are you comfortable with investing? If the answer is no, then keep it simple and pay off the debt.

While I would rather invest my money than pay off a "free" Manitoba student loan, the choice isn't so clear when looking at the common current federal student loan rate of 5.35 per cent.

While that student loan interest will generate a tax credit, (basically generating a "real rate" of 4.55 per cent), you still can't go wrong paying off that sort of debt. Private student loans accessed through your bank or credit union often have higher interest rates and have no accompanying tax credit, so they're even more attractive options for early payment.

Ultimately, the purely mathematical side of the argument shows that if you understand how to invest your money and want to look at the long term, you are pretty likely to come out ahead if you were to invest any extra cash instead of paying down your student loan early. We don't live in a mathematical vacuum though, and if the weight of your student loan is causing you to lose sleep at night, then pay off the portion of your loan with the highest interest rate and rest easy.

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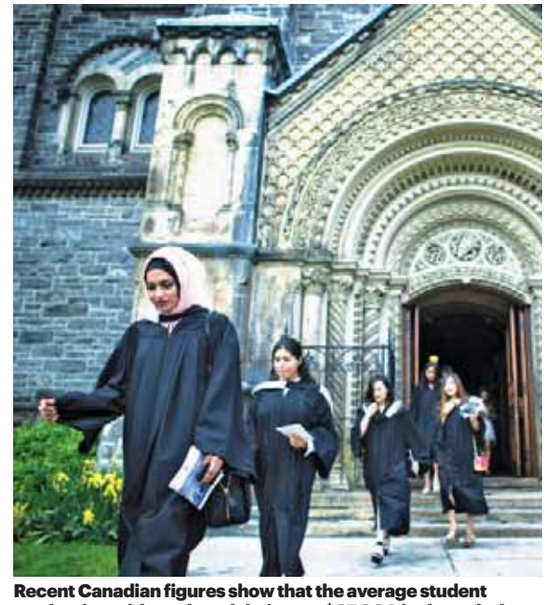

Recent Canadian figures show that the average student graduating with student debt is now $27,000 in the red when they finish school. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

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Serena Williams plays older sister Venus for the sixth time at Wimbledon Monday

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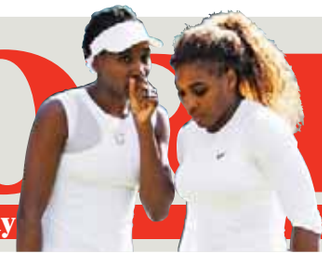

Lloyd unleashed on Japan

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Captain scores hat trick to seal American championship

Cam Tucker
Metro | Vancouver

Mere moments after the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup final got underway, it was already over.

The anticipation of what had been shaping up to be a great championship contest between Japan and the U.S. — a rematch of the final four years ago — was quickly replaced with shock. The Americans started the match on the front foot. They were soon running downhill before anyone, including the Japanese, really knew what was happening.

They wouldn't be stopped. The U.S. took the FIFA Women's World Cup with a 5-2 win over Japan before 53,341 fans on Sunday at BC Place Stadium.

Three minutes in, the U.S. struck on a goal from Carli Lloyd.

On a corner kick, Lloyd snuck into the middle of the box and placed the ball out of the reach of goalkeeper Ayumi Kaihori. It was red, white and blue insanity.

Fans from different parts of the U.S. travelled to Vancouver for the tournament and this match.

They loved what they were seeing.

Carli Lloyd is swarmed by her American teammates after scoring one of her three first-half goals in the Women's World Cup final against Japan on Sunday in Vancouver. FRANCK FIFE/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

WORLD CUP final

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One goal suddenly turned into four for the Americans.

They built a four-goal lead before the match was even 17 minutes old. Lloyd had the hat trick. Victory looked safe and secure, with the U.S. in complete control and Japan in complete disarray.

Lloyd's third goal was the perfect example of just how far off the rails things had gone for the Japanese. She caught Kaihori well out of her goal and beat the Japanese keeper with a shot from midfield.

Prior to Sunday's final, the U.S. and goalkeeper Hope Solo had gone through the tournament without having allowed a goal since their first game in the group stage. That was on June 8.

Down by four and needing something positive, Japan managed to get on the board.

Yuki Ogimi scored on a shot that beat a diving Solo, cutting the U.S. lead to three.

Japan narrowed the deficit to two goals. U.S. defender Julie Johnston inadvertently headed the ball into her own net in the 52nd minute.

But only two minutes later, the U.S. restored its three-goal lead on a goal from Tobin Heath to put the finishing touches on the third World Cup victory for the Americans.

IN BRIEF

Leafs give Kadri extension

The Toronto Maple Leafs signed forward Nazem Kadri to a one-year contract extension on Sunday.

Nazem Kadri GETTY IMAGES

Kadri, 24, finished fourth among Maple Leaf players in scoring last season with 39 points (18 goals, 21 assists) in 73 regular season games.

The London, Ont., native, who has 152 points (64 goals, 88 assists) in 250 NHL games, was drafted seventh overall by the Leafs in 2009.

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Sixth man leaving for L.A.

The Los Angeles Lakers say they plan to sign guard Lou Williams, last season's Sixth Man of the Year, and forward Brandon Bass.

Williams averaged a career-high 15.5 points and helped Toronto win a franchise-record 49 games in 2014-15, his lone season there. The Lakers have upgraded their guard rotation by adding Williams after drafting Ohio State's D'Angelo Russell with the No. 2 pick.

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QB Trevor Harris has the Toronto Argonauts off to a 2-0 start to the season. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CFL

Harris navigates OT waters for Argos

The legend of Trevor Harris continues to grow.

The Argonauts QB led his team on a last-minute touchdown drive to send the game into overtime and then threw two touchdown passes in extra time to lead Toronto to a 42-40 double-overtime win over the Roughriders in Regina on Sunday. Harris, in his third game as starter for the injured Ricky Ray, led Toronto (2-0) to a 26-11 upset over the Edmonton Eskimos in Week 1.

"I just want to be the best possible backup I can be," said Harris, who went 30 for 38 with 267 yards and four TDs and one interception in the game. "My job is to steer the ship in the right direction when (Ray's) not available."

Saskatchewan led the game 28-21 with just over a minute left. Scrimmaging from the Toronto 25, Harris led the Argos on a last-minute TD drive, capped off with a 16-yard TD pass to Chad Owens, to send the game into overtime. THE CANADIAN PRESS

QUEEN'S PLATE

Shaman Ghost rallies at Woodbine

It took seven years, but Brian Lynch finally earned his Queen's Plate redemption.

Shaman Ghost rallied to capture the $1-million race Sunday at Woodbine Racetrack. The three-year-old chestnut finished 1 1/4-lengths ahead of Danish Dynaformer in a battle of the favourites, delighting a crowd that produced a record handle of $11.06 million, breaking the 2013 mark of $9.7 million.

In 2008, Lynch looked on in disappointment as Ginger Brew finished second by a head to Not Bourbon, earning trainer Roger Attfield a record-tying eighth Plate victory. On Sunday, Lynch not only celebrated winning the first jewel of the Canadian Triple Crown for the first time, but forced Attfield to wait at least another year to make history.

"I still wake up thinking of Not Bourbon ... and I look at that photo finish and I still think I won that so it's justice. Well, it's racing," Lynch said.

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Jockey Rafael Hernandez rides aboard Shaman Ghost on Sunday at Woodbine Racetrack. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jays flex muscles to end three-game skid

MLB

Tigers starter Verlander tagged for seven runs

Turns out the Toronto Blue Jays got a break by facing Justin Verlander.

Jose Bautista and Justin Smoak homered in a six-run fifth inning against the 2011 AL Cy Young Award winner and MVP, leading the Toronto Blue Jays over the Detroit Tigers 10-5 Sunday.

Toronto stopped a three-game losing streak and won for just the second time in seven games.

"We definitely needed this one," Blue Jays manager John Gibbons said. "We've had to go against (Anibal) Sanchez and (David) Price the last two nights, and we've got (Chris) Sale tomorrow, so we needed a game where the offence could get things going."

Marco Estrada (6-4) improved to 5-1 in his last seven starts, allowing two runs and five hits in five innings. Roberto Osuna got four outs for his third save.

"It is always great to get a win, but today was even better because it is my birthday," said Estrada, who turned 32. "The guys got me a nice present by putting up 10 runs."

Verlander (0-2) gave up seven hits and two walks in five innings, striking out five. He needed 94 pitches to get 15 outs. He now has a 6.75 ERA in four starts after missing the first several weeks of the season with a triceps injury.

"I was seeing reactions that I haven't seen for a while on my off-speed pitches, and that felt good," Verlander said. "It is a shame that I fell out of sync in the fifth, but this is only my fourth start. You have to keep that in mind."

Toronto went ahead after seven pitches when Jose Reyes led off with a bloop double and scored on Josh Donaldson's single. Verlander's error on an errant pickoff attempt allowing Donaldson to take third, but pitched out of the jam.

"I think that was huge for us," Donaldson said. "We got the quick run, and then Marco and the defence kept putting up zeroes, so the momentum kept building. We knew it would break out eventually."

Danny Valencia walked leading off the fifth after being down 0-2 in the count, Kevin Pillar singled and Devon Travis hit an RBI double. Reyes' groundout made it 3-0 and moved Travis to third, and Donaldson singled through a drawn-in infield. Bautista followed with a two-run homer over the Tigers bullpen in left and, four pitches later, Smoak homered to right for a 7-0 lead. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Blue Jays right-fielder celebrates hitting a home run in the fifth inning against the Tigers on Sunday in Detroit. GREGORY SHAMUS/GETTY IMAGES

SUNDAY In Detroit

BLUE JAYS	TIGERS
10	5

MLB

Donaldson rules all-star game ballot

Toronto Blue Jays third baseman Josh Donaldson will start for the American League at the all-star game.

Donaldson was voted in by the fans with a new all-time single season record of 14.09 million votes.

The voting results were announced Sunday.

In 83 games, Donaldson has a .296 batting average, with 19 home runs and 56 runs-batted in.

He will be starting the Midsummer Classic for a second straight year.

Meanwhile, Houston second baseman Jose Altuve passed Kansas City's Omar Infante in the final days of voting, leaving four Royals as starters.

Todd Frazier of the host Cincinnati Reds leapfrogged St. Louis' Matt Carpenter and will be in the NL starting lineup for the July 14 game.

AL champion Kansas City will be represented in the starting lineup by outfielders Lorenzo Cain and Alex Gordon, catcher Salvador Perez and shortstop Alcides Escobar. Eight Royals were on track to start in vote totals announced June 15.

14M

Donaldson received a record 14.09 million votes

Los Angeles Angels outfielder Mike Trout will make his fourth straight all-star appearance after earning the second-highest vote total of 14 million.

Washington outfielder Bryce Harper set a mark for NL players at 13.86 million votes.

MLB said 620 million votes were cast, breaking the old mark of 391 million in 2012.

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IN BRIEF

Hamilton makes British Grand Prix his fifth win

Lewis Hamilton seized back control of the British Grand Prix after being overtaken on the first corner to win his fifth race of the season on Sunday and strengthen his Formula One title defence.

A Mercedes one-two was just as forecast, as Nico Rosberg completed a ninth consecutive double podium for the team.

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Greipel win second stage of Tour de France

German rider Andre Greipel won a rain-drenched second stage of the Tour de France in a sprint finish on Sunday.

Swiss veteran Fabian Cancellara placed third to take the race leader's yellow jersey from overnight leader Rohan Dennis.

Langley, B.C., native Svein Tuft was five minutes 47 seconds off the pace in 101st place.

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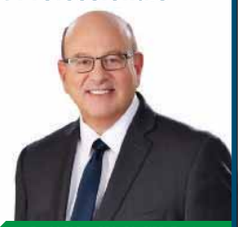
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- 3/4 cup diced mango
- 1/2 cup diced avocado
- 1/4 cup diced red onion
- 3 Tbsp chopped basil
- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 1 tsp minced jalapeno pepper
- 1 tsp grated lemon zest
- Salt and pepper

Directions
1. Preheat grill or oven to 425 F. Cook salmon for 10 minutes per inch of thickness.
2. Meanwhile, add remaining ingredients to a bowl and mix well. Place on serving platter with fish over top.

Nutrition per serving
- Calories 350
- Carbohydrates 15g
- Fibre 2g
- Protein 35g
- Fat 17g
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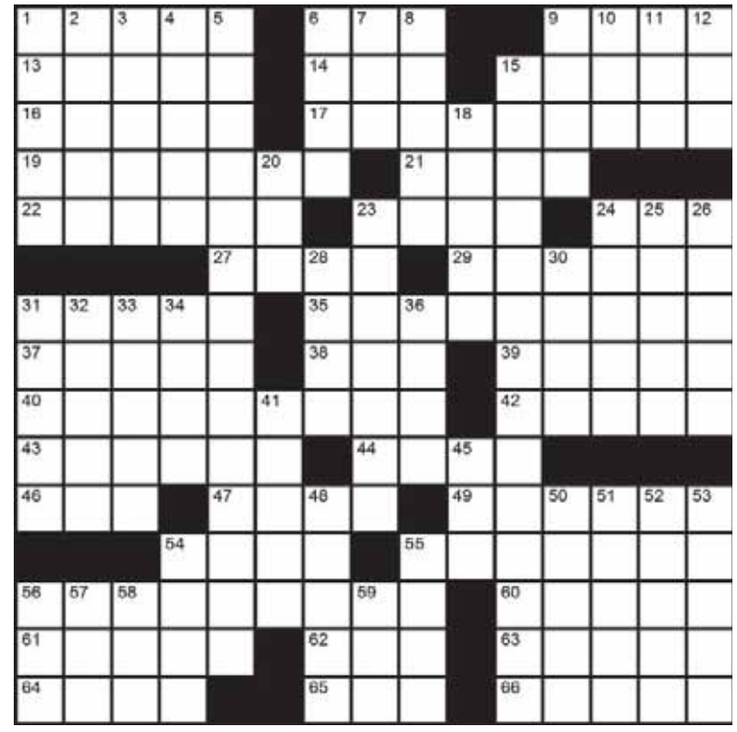

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6. Image file type
9. Sudsy stuff
13. Provide with weapons
14. Grand __ (Wine classification)
15. Prod
16. Equally in the distance: 2 wds.
17. Shirt pocket for some: 2 wds.
19. Dancer's garb
21. Wise adviser
22. War horses
23. A-lister Brad
24. The Go-__ (1980s band)
27. I, to Socrates
29. Shot
31. 'River Horse', commonly
35. Separate the names of a song-writing team
37. Botanical casings
38. Nutritional suggested amount [acronym]
39. Was using oars
40. Workout wear
42. Mean
43. Mints brand: 2 wds.
44. Clarinetist's prop
46. Compass point
47. Wrongdoing, in law
49. Big name in motorcycles
54. "My king."
55. Deer, to a carnivore
56. Perform a song like a barbershop quartet
60. Mr. Eastwood
61. Silk-like fabric
62. __-stick frying pan
63. Respected person in the community
64. Retro flooring choice, __ carpet
65. Adjust
66. "Touched by an Angel" star Della

DOWN
1. "Hud" (1963) Oscar-winning actress Patricia, and surnamesakes
2. Commencement
3. Movie star Willem
4. Give a stately speech
5. Listeners might have their dials tuned into one: 3 wds.
6. Commissioner Gordon's force in comics [acronym]
7. Enraged emotion
8. Mushrooms, as examples
9. U.S.S. Enterprise navigator
10. Strange
11. Candle-blower's number
12. 'P' in MPH
15. Canadian racehorse, winner in 1964 of both the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes: 2 wds.
18. Chest for storing tableware
20. Record label The Bee Gees were on
23. Prospector's lucrative discovery: 2 wds.
24. Eats away at
25. Eight-member music ensemble
26. Shabby
28. Drive-__ restaurant
30. Old World buffalo
31. Hurriedness
32. Rich Man, Poor Man novelist Mr. Shaw
33. Fragment
34. Dish of the day, __ du jour
36. Hors d'oeuvre spread
41. Contempt
45. Storm's centre
48. Horseback rider's straps
50. __-feuille (Type of French pastry)
51. Record's spot for the hit
52. Sharpens skills
53. Cavern
54. Urban haze
55. Let off steam
56. Clock's li'l time segments
57. "Won-der-ful!"
58. Rug of Scandinavia
59. Ms. Saldana of "Avatar" (2009)

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Someone in a position of authority will ask you to do something for them and you will say yes. But don't sell yourself cheap. A job done well is a job worth getting paid the going rate for.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
This is the ideal time to throw out all the emotional junk you have acquired during the first half of the year. Today's Sun-Pluto link will encourage you to be ruthless with yourself.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is going to be a busy week and the less you try to do the more work will land in your lap. At some stage, for the sake of your health, you will have to call a halt. Not even a livewire Gemini can do it all.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You may be tempted to give up on something that is proving more difficult than you expected but you must stick with it a while longer. Keep plugging away a few more days.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Don't take it to heart if someone seems to be avoiding you. The fact is you have been giving off some rather heavy vibrations of late and they find you a bit scary. Take it as a hint that you need to be a lot more laidback.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
What changes over the next few days has been in the pipeline for quite some time and chances are you will welcome it. Yes, it may be disruptive but on this occasion disruption is better than the status quo. Move with the times.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
There is an urgency about you at the moment, no doubt due to the influence of Pluto. You know if you pass up an opportunity to better yourself it will be a very long time, if ever, before it comes round again.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Sudden changes may not be entirely welcome but neither are they to be feared, so accept and work with them. Nothing lasts forever, so go with the flow and enjoy where fate takes you.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Something dramatic is likely to happen over the next 24 hours. However, if you keep your wits about you and react quickly while everyone else is dithering you could make some serious money.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The more you try to force events to move in one direction today the more likely it is they will move in the opposite direction. Look on the bright side: the less you resist the more you will achieve.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
No matter how persuasive and no matter how logical your arguments may be, almost certainly friends and colleagues will oppose what you want to do today. But you should do it anyway.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
What takes place today may not be to your liking but later in the month you will be glad you were forced to make certain changes. You must slow down for a while.

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